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1. VANCOUVER NEWSPAPER THE PROVINCE DEALT WITH RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF CIA OPERATIONS IN B.C. IN LEAD EDITORIAL AUGUST 1 SUGGESTING THAT PREMIER DAVID BARRETT IS "... MOST IMPORTANT CIA HELPER IN CANADA. ... (AS) HE HAS DONE MUCH THAT COULD BRING SOCIALISM INTO DISREPUTE." MINISTER BOB WILLIAMS, ACCORDING EDITORIAL, PROBABLY ALSO IS CIA AGENT PROVOCATEUR WHO "HAS SYSTEMATICALLY AGGRAVATED CLASS CONFLICT IN B.C. WHICH IS HIGHLY DESTABILIZING." AS TO RECENT B.C. CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL NDP LEADERSHIP ROSEMARY BROWN, EDITORIAL SUGGESTS THAT SHE MAY ALSO BE CIA AGENT WHOSE JOB IS TO MAKE NDP LOOK ABSURD. ACCORDING NEWSPAPER CIA AGENTS MAY HAVE ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR "OVER-RUN" IN B.C. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND FOR PUTTING SLEEPING TABLETS INTO MINISTER MINES COFFEE.

2. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT IF B.C. GOVERNMENT HAS "LEAST SHRED OF EVIDENCE, BY ALL MEANS TROT IT OUT AND INVESTIGATE IT THOROUGHLY. IF NOT, THEY SHOULD ADMIT IT AT ONCE AND SPEED THE SILLY SEASON ON TO AN EARLY END."

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